



# MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 26

## Safety Bulletin

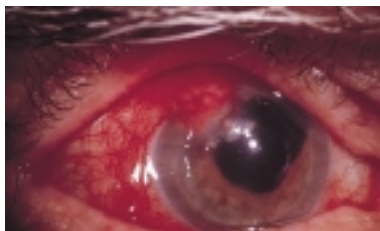
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### Photo of the Week: Don't Pardon Bad Attitude



Well, well, what do we have here? Looks to me like an accident just waiting to happen. Maybe it'll be a piece of debris in his eye or, heaven forbid, a cut off limb. Whatever it is, if this guy continues with his lackadaisical safety attitude, he'll eventually suffer some type of injury that will send him to the emergency room. I'd bet real money that, if confronted about his lack of PPE, his predictable response would be "I know what I'm doin', so I don't need no safety gear." Then he'd say something like "I've been doin' this fer ten years an' I ain't never had no accident before." The right photo is an example of just such a case. The employee, a 30-year employee at that, has fought us to nearly the death about wearing his safety glasses. Of all things he was grinding edges off of stainless steel and the glasses were hanging around his neck. The photo is the damage to his eye after some minor removal surgery. He is in a great deal of pain and is off work for five days. When he returns, the pain will really get bad, as his co-workers will loose about \$300 in incentive program money because of his accident.

Folks, that very mind-set is the problem ... and the challenge ... we face in the safety business. Fact is, the average Joe just doesn't think he really needs safety, and for some it's a cultural "bad attitude" that's hard to change. So how do we make a difference? If you want to change people's attitude, you have to educate them, and *communication is the key*. Everyone is different. They may be affected by a graphic poster, a magazine article, a safety lecture, or a snappy slogan. Throw it all at 'em, and some of it will sink in. Oh, and use what we have here on your quest. It's all FREE ... what more could you ask for?

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### WEEKLY SAFETY FLAGALL

20-26 Oct 2003

**On Duty Ground: NONE**

#### Aviation:

**031023** Major, HMLA-367, MAG-39, 3D MAW. While conducting training operations aboard Twentynine Palms, CA a section of Hueys (UH-1N) experienced a landing accident. As the aircraft commenced to land, a cloud of dust obstructed visibility. When the dust had cleared, the pilot of the lead aircraft observed that one of the aircraft landed on its side. The pilot of the grounded aircraft sustained traumatic internal injuries.

#### Off Duty:

**031020** LCpl, B Company, 3D Assault Amphibian Battalion. SNM suffered a compression fracture to his spine and a closed head injury as a result of an off road motorcycle accident.

**031026** 2 LCpl's and 1 PFC, MWSS-371, & VMFA (AW)-225, 3D MAW. Marines were involved in a single car accident. One LCpl (driver) suffered head trauma. The remaining 2 Marines (passengers) suffered minor injuries. One LCpl (driver) remains in Yuma Regional Medical Center in stable condition. Prognosis is good. Alcohol was involved.

**031025** PFC, 3D BN, 1ST Marines, SNM was involved in a single motor vehicle accident in Loma Linda, California. SNM sustained fractured ribs, vertebrae, and a foot injury. SNM was admitted to Loma Linda University Medical Center where he received treatment for the fractures including staples to the head. SNM is being charged for DUI.

**031026** PFC, SOI West SNM was in a single motor vehicle accident while driving in the vicinity of Sacramento, California. The PFC was driving with a civilian passenger when he lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle then ran off the road, crashed, and caught fire. **Both SNM and passenger were killed.**

### Trick-or-Treat HOURS:

MCAS New River: 1730-2000 (31 Oct 03)

MCB Camp Lejeune: 1700-2100 (31 Oct 03)

Jacksonville: Dusk - 2030 (31 Oct 03)

Onslow County: Dusk - 2100 (31 Oct 03)



## **KEEPING THE TREAT IN YOUR CHILD'S HALLOWEEN**

Halloween is coming. While kids are thinking about their costumes and the piles of candy, parents need to think about the possible dangers their children could face during the frantic trick-or-treat festivities. For kids, Halloween is one of the most dangerous nights of the year because of the many injuries that occur. Most parents worry about candy tampering. They're not always aware that pedestrian injuries, burns, and falls account for the majority of the injuries on Halloween.

### **TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFETY TIPS**

- Accompany children under age 12 on their trick-or-treat rounds.
- Make sure your neighborhood is a safe place for trick-or-treating. If not, consider holding a Halloween party or attending an established party at a local mall or other site.
- Teach children to travel only in familiar areas and along a route you have established for them.
- Teach children to never enter a home or apartment building unless they are with a parent.
- Teach children to only trick-or-treat at homes with outside lights turned on.
- Attach a tag with your child's name, address and phone number under costumes.
- Set a time for children to return home.
- Make sure your child knows his or her phone number and has change to make a call.
- Teach your children to bring all treats home for you to inspect before eating them.

### **PREVENTING FALLS**

Cumbersome costumes and masks can make walking safely through dark neighborhood streets difficult for children. The following tips can help prevent fall-related injuries:

- Avoid using masks. Use non-toxic face paint.
- Have children carry flashlights.
- Keep costume lengths short to avoid tripping.
- Secure hats so they do not slip over the child's eyes.
- Dress children in shoes that fit.
- Allow children to carry only flexible props.
- Teach children use sidewalks and not to cut across yards.
- Remove obstacles such tools, toys, and ladders from your front yard, steps, or porch.

### **PREVENTING PEDESTRIAN INJURIES**

Darting into the streets is one of the most common causes of pedestrian death among children. The MAG-26 Safety Staff offers the following important tips for parents and for drivers out on the road Halloween night:

- Decorate costumes and candy bags with retro-reflective tape and stickers.
- Use light-colored costumes to make children more visible at night.
- Teach children to walk and not to run, while trick-or-treating.
- Remind children to always stop, look left, right, and left again before crossing any street.
- Teach children to cross at corners and crosswalks.
- Teach children to never dart out into a street from between parked cars.
- Never let a child under age 10 cross a street alone.
- Drivers must SLOW DOWN! Obey all traffic signals and signs.
- Watch for children and pedestrians crossing the streets.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleyways slowly and carefully.

### **PREVENTING BURNS**

Fires and burns are the third leading cause of injury related death among children. On Halloween, MAG-26 Safety recommend the following safety precautions:

- Use flame resistant costumes, wigs, beards, and other accessories.
- Avoid costumes made with flimsy material, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.
- Keep candles, lit jack-o-lanterns, matches and lighters out of children's reach.

## **1999 Darwin Award Nominee:**

### **Daylight Savings Time Explodes Terrorist Bomb**

**(5 September 1999, Jerusalem)** In most parts of the world, the switch away from Daylight Saving Time proceeds smoothly. But the time change raised havoc with Palestinian terrorists this year. Israel insisted on a premature switch from Daylight Savings Time to Standard Time to accommodate a week of pre-sunrise prayers. Palestinians refused to live on "Zionist Time." Two weeks of scheduling havoc ensued. Nobody knew the "correct" time. At precisely 5:30pm on Sunday, two coordinated car bombs exploded in different cities, killing three terrorists who were transporting the bombs. It was initially believed that the devices had been detonated prematurely by klutzy amateurs. A closer look revealed the truth behind the explosions. The bombs had been prepared in a Palestine-controlled area, and set to detonate on Daylight Saving Time. But the confused drivers had already switched to Standard Time. When they picked up the bombs, they neglected to ask whose watch was used to set the timing mechanism. As a result, the cars were still en-route when the explosives detonated, delivering the terrorists to their untimely demises.

### **Quotable Quotes**

**"The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard."** -Steven Wright

## **MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY COURSES**

### **BASIC RIDER COURSE** (23 hours)

Fri 1700-2200 and 0700-1700 Sat and Sun.

Oct 31- Nov 2, Nov 14-16, Nov 21-23, Dec 5-7, Dec 12-14.

(Classes are held at Camp Johnson, call 938-6294 for details)

### **EXPERIENCED RIDER COURSE** (11 hours)

The experienced rider must have an endorsement on his drivers license.

Fri 1700-2200 and Sat 0700-1300.

Nov 14-15 Dec 12-13

No permit is required to take the course at CCCC; however, an endorsement or proof of purchase/ownership is required to receive a voucher for the MCAS Safety Office to pay for the class. The Marine must present his driver license and ID card to receive the voucher. If the Marine has a motorcycle endorsement, he will need to take the experienced rider course. The phone number at Coastal for registration is 938-6294.

### **DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE**

Date: Nov 12

Place: AS-212, Room 121A

Time: 0730-1600 (first 25 Marines, so be early)

### **REMEDIAL DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE**

Date: Nov 14

Place: AS-212, Room 121A

Time: 0730-1130

**REMEDIAL SEATBELT COURSE HAS BEEN COMBINED WITH THE REMEDIAL DRIVERS IMPROVEMENT COURSE**